(d) if so, what concrete steps have been taken by Government so far to abolish the System in the country and to rehabilitate Dev Dasis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Setting up of five Star Hotels

@3224. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of five star hotels and other such hotels sanctioned to be set up during the next three years;

(b) how much water is required for consumption and other use by these hotels; and

(c) what are the other steps structure facilities which would be needed by these hotels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Central Department of Tourism have approved 273 hotels at project stage, of which 41 are for 5-star category. The date of completion of these hotels will depend on availability of building materials, financial assistance etc.

(b) Water required for consumption and other use by five-star hotels in estimated at 250 liters per bed per day.

(c) Facilities required in the 5-star category hotels are a minimum of 25 letable rooms with attached bathrooms, suitably furnished and centrally air-conditioned, with telephones, channelled music. The hotel should also have swimming pool, health club, restaurants, Bar, 24 hours room service, laundry, a chemist shop, Beauty Parlour, money changing and safe deposit facility, florist, book stall, recognised travel agency and a left luggage room and adequate parking space.

Pak-Iran Islamic Defence

@@3225. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi) dated the 22nd February, 1989 under the Caption 'Pak, Iran to form Islamic defence line; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government have taken to counter this threat to India's defence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) Yes Sir, Government have seen this and other reports stating that during the visit of the Iranian Minisfor Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps to Pakistan in the second half of January 1989 he had reportedly called for the establishment of on "Islamic Wall" comprising Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Government have no confirmation of any action taken or under consideration to achieve this objective.

(b) Government keeps a close watch on all developments which have a bearing on the country's security.

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